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TO: Prospective Deer Fence Applicant

FROM: Charles M. Kuperus

SUBJECT: New Jersey's 2005 Deer Fence Application

Thank you for your interest in New Jersey's 2005 deer fencing program. We understand the urgent need to protect your farm from losses incurred through white-tail deer damage. The New Jersey Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection are proud to sponsor this cost-share program that will provide a portion of the fencing and materials needed for your fencing project.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station will administer training on deer fence installation and maintenance. Based on data from the 1998 deer fence program, the average cost to install deer fence on a per acre basis was approximately \$450 when the farmer completed the installation and over \$2,000 when a contractor carried out the work. With today's price increases, it is estimated the price will be between \$600 and \$700 and \$3,000 per acre respectively.

Taking into consideration the value of the crop you grow or wish to grow in the fenced area, you should determine if it will be cost effective to install the fence yourself, hire a fencing contractor or use other methods of deer control. To help you in your decision-making process, enclosed is a copy of Rutgers Fact Sheet (FS889) *High-Tensile Woven Wire Fences for Reducing Wildlife Damage*. It is critical to properly install high-tensile woven wire fence for it to be effective. Properly installed, the fence can provide 20 plus-years of near maintenance-free performance.

Please complete the deer fence application and submit it to the Department of Agriculture by November 30, 2004 at the address noted on the application.

Thank you.

Enclosures